

A number of people came in from various entities around the state and discussed the situation. The Education Committee did not come to any conclusion that it should be changed, so that is really the reason I have the bill back in here now is to just remove that sunset clause because this issue has been considered and there has been no recommendation for a change and as has been pointed out, there is a lot of evidence that the present situation is fair and equitable.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I have long had concerns about the way school land operates in outstate Nebraska and first of all you have to remember that that is where it is at. That is where the school land is, from the western two-thirds of the state. There is none in this end to speak of. School land receives a lot of benefits from county government, township government in some cases and receives absolutely no compensation for that. School Lands and Funds have developed a lot of that land over the past number of years and it required roads, bridges and other things to make that land so it could be accessible and could be used for their profit or for the profit of schools. I think you are opening up a can of worms if you don't leave this alone because in the hearings that we had over the State of Nebraska last summer we heard a lot of complaints but many of them said, well, our schools are doing quite well, perhaps we can eat the part that the county has to pay and allow the schools to benefit. Now that is not quite fair really because not every school district has school land in it and many school districts do receive a considerable amount of money from the school land and others receive very little or none so that the counties as a whole do not receive equal amounts of money or the taxpayers in those counties I guess I should say. So I would hate to see you fool with this. I think it should be left alone. Things are pretty quiet on the Western front. If you want to rile those people up again this is the way to do it.

PRESIDENT: The Clerk has an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kilgarin would move to amend the bill, "page 2, line 16, strike "forty-three."

PRESIDENT: Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Okay, if you will turn to LB 39 on page 2 you will see essentially what I am doing is taking the 143% of the appraised value and changing that to 100% of the appraised value. I think Senator Warner made it